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Haigis or Saltonstall ??? Both Mentioned For Governor To Lead GOP Forces to Victory

Situation Stated In Press Columns

In its issue of Wednesday, the *Springfield Republican*, publishes an article which is a pronouncement of the impending pre-primary convention to choose either John W. Haigis or Leverett Saltonstall to fill the post for Governor in the next election, that is, if friends of each are successful in forcing their names to the fore. The article reads in part as follows:

The likelihood that John W. Haigis of Greenfield and Leverett Saltonstall of Newton will again be competitors for the Republican nomination for governor became apparent yesterday with the disclosure that petitions urging Mr. Saltonstall to make the run are being circulated in Western Massachusetts. Although the sponsors in this section of the petitions remained unidentified, it was reported they include several party leaders of prominence.

One story about how the petitions were distributed in Western Massachusetts, as told had their source at Amherst. It was said that the petitions came from Amherst but from whom no one could or would say.

Mr. Haigis' intentions concerning the state ticket next autumn have not been announced, but the warm praise given him recently by Congressman Allen T. Treadway is taken as indication of his availability. Many of the Western Massachusetts members of the G.O.P. who two years ago fought a successful pre-primary fight to secure his being given a free track for the gubernatorial nomination are understood again to be planning a campaign in Mr. Haigis' behalf.

Now on a brief vacation, Mr. Haigis has maintained silence on the subject. Political allies are confident, however, that if the party shows any indication it would welcome Mr. Haigis' leadership in a second fight to win back the state for the G.O.P. he would respond. It is felt by his supporters that he should not be called upon to make the same financial sacrifice as in 1936, but should have his efforts largely paid for by the state committee.

Supporters of Mr. Saltonstall believe he has gained in political stature since June, 1936, when he lost out by the slimmest of margins at the pre-primary convention to Mr. Haigis. They declare that his display of good sportsmanship on the convention floor kept the various elements of the party together, and that afterwards, he became better known through his civic and service activities. A few months ago he headed the successful Community Chest drive in Boston.

B. & M. 1938 Deficit

A deficit of \$648,552.11, after fixed charges was reported for February by the Boston & Maine railroad recently. This compares with net income of \$13,541.42 in February of 1937.

The railroad's statement shows a deficit after fixed charges of \$1,182,946.57 for the first two months of 1938, as against net income of \$84,769.97 for the first two months of 1937.

The Jitney Players In "The Rivals" At The Auditorium

The Jitney Players, famous roaming theatrical group, will present the brilliant 18th century comedy, "The Rivals," at the Northfield Auditorium on the Seminary campus, Saturday evening, April 9 at 8 o'clock. The well-known play was written by Richard Sheridan, master playwright of the Restoration, at the age of 23.

Alice Cheney, founder of the Jitney Players, Douglas Rowland, Bettina Cefi, Pendleton Harrison and Franklin Downing head the cast of twelve players who comprise the unique traveling company. Authentic



Alice Cheney

18th century costumes, some of them from the private collection of Ethel Barrymore, will be worn in the production. Ethel Barrymore's daughter, Ethel Barrymore Coli, is executive secretary of the group.

The scenery for "The Rivals," designed by Maynard Samson, evokes the very spirit of the period, and although the sets are colorful and varied, they are simply constructed so as to allow the play to move rapidly.

The appearance of the repertory company here comes as a part of their 15th anniversary tour which is to take them 8000 miles in about twelve weeks. Their local engagement is being sponsored by the Northfield Seminary in connection with its yearly entertainment series.

The Shopping News In New Hands

Announcement has been made that the Greenfield Shopping News, started by Robert P. Dolan in July, 1932, has been sold to Bolton M. Young and Phineas M. Young. The name is changed to Greenfield News and it is printed in tabloid form for free distribution as formerly. It is said to print 11,000 copies each week. The company has been incorporated under the name of the Greenfield Publishing Co., Inc., with a capital stock of \$10,000. Bolton Young is president and manager, and has been associated with Mr. Dolan for the past three years.

Although now printed in Southbridge, Mass., it was formerly issued from the plant of the Northfield Printing Co. It is an advertising sheet for the Greenfield merchants.

Mr. Fitt Describes His Visit To Moody Conversion Site

Last week, our fellow townsmen, A. P. Fitt, visited in Boston and in walking up Court St. his attention was attracted to a large bronze tablet on the wall of the premises at 43 Court St. It measured about 24 x 18 inches in size and was inscribed as follows:

D. L. MOODY
CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST
FRIEND OF MAN,
FOUNDER OF THE
NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS
WAS CONVERTED TO GOD
IN A SHOE STORE ON
THIS SITE
APRIL 21, 1855

The premises are occupied now by a firm of jewelers and optometrists with the name of the Howard Jewelry Company over the door. The building was new and had been erected on the site of the old shoe store which had been torn down many years ago. As Mr. Fitt stepped inside to introduce himself to the proprietor, he was met by one of the salesmen and a talk of personal interest ensued.

The salesman had known Mr. Moody and he told of attending the meetings of Moody and Sankay which were held in Tremont Temple. The salesman was a Catholic but with twenty-five or more young men of the same faith, they became interested and always joined in the singing of such hymns as *Bringing in the Sheaves* and *When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound*. He sang these hymns as he recalled them. He said he remembered many of the other hymns and still has a copy of the hymn-book used at these meetings. He had heard Mr. Moody in his talks at other churches also.

When Mr. Fitt related how Mr. Moody seemed to have the power of burning his message into the hearts and memories of people who heard him, the salesman, a man of over sixty, said, "This is my testimony to the good he did for me." Although he was not converted by him, as a Catholic, he could say that "Mr. Moody was a good man and he preached the truth." He told Mr. Fitt that Mr. Madden, the proprietor of the Holland House at Scranton, Pa., used to be a choir leader for Mr. Moody (possibly in Scranton, when Mr. Moody held meetings there) and he added, "If you are ever in that city, call on Mr. Madden and tell him that the father of Justin McLoughlin, the young ball player, has given you this information about Mr. Moody."

The Clover Ridge Youth Hostel was the gift of Mrs. James Storrow of Lincoln, Mass. It was dedicated last fall during the annual houseparents round-up and executive committee meeting.

It is expected that our Northfield houseparents, Julius and Lee Wahl will spend the summer in Meredith as houseparents for the Clover Ridge Hostel. They are planning to have a vacation school there this summer where boys can come to learn woodworking and cabinet-making un-

der Julius' skillful tutelage. As there are two spacious houses on the place, there will be ample room to accommodate both school and hostellers.

Poem by Kagawa Deplores War

Famous Japanese Christian Says He, Too, Must Bear His Country's 'Sin and Dross'

A poem by Toyohiko Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian, reflecting his spiritual anguish over the present conflict in the Orient, has recently arrived in this country and is published in the current issue of the Federal Council Bulletin, the monthly journal published by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The poem, entitled "Tears," follows:

Ah, tears! Unbidden tears!
Familiar friends since childhood's lonely years,
Long separated we,
Why dost thou come again to dwell with me?
At midnight, dawn, midday,
Ye come; nor wait thy coming nor delay;
Nay, fearless with what scorn,
Ye picture China by my brothers torn.
Thy scorn I must accept,
But I'm no coward; pray heed ere more ye've wept:
I love Japan so fair,
And China too; this war I cannot bear.

"Is there no other way?"
Thus do I search my spirit all the day
Nor ever reach a goal;
I live, but only as a phantom soul,
Like Christ who more our sins upon the cross,
I, too, must bear my country's sins and dross;
Land of my love! Thy sins are grievous to be borne,
My head hangs low upon my form forlorn.
Ah, tears! Unbidden tears!
Alas! has come another day
When I must dwell with thee.

Editor's Note—Toyohiko Kagawa will be well remembered aside from his work and writing by many of us in Northfield, especially students at Mount Hermon and at the Seminary, as he visited here on his tour of America, in April, 1936 and spoke under the auspices of the Northfield Schools to a large audience gathered in the Auditorium. Many had the privilege of personally greeting him.

A BOY AND HIS DOG



This is the month when your dog must be licensed to afford him the protection of the law and the Town Clerk is ready to register him and give him his tag. The dog is man's best friend, it is said, and what boy is there, who in his life has not enjoyed the friendship and loyalty of a "pal." Show me a man's dog and I will tell you what kind of a master he has, said once, a student of human nature. Yes, every family might have a dog—but let every family care properly and considerably for the pet.

Several Make Trip Clover Ridge Hostel At Meredith, N. H.

On Thursday afternoon, April 7 at four o'clock the students of Northfield Seminary will be privileged to witness a spring fashion show of wearing apparel for street, school and sport, to be presented by Miss Ruth I. Trimble, the McCall stylist, and sponsored by Wilson's Department store of Greenfield. Students of the Seminary will act as the models to display the many styles of suits, wraps and dresses which will be sent up from New York. Style shows for women are proving very popular and affords a real opportunity to study the garments as worn on living models. Whether one buys ready-made or creates their own the style show becomes a matter of due importance to the average woman who wants to appear well and becomingly dressed.

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Local Orlando Folks Report Dr. John Mott Buys Fine Home There

Our Northfield neighbors are happy in the announcement made in the Orlando, Florida *Sentinel* that Dr. John R. Mott is to become a resident of Orlando, Florida, at least for the winter months and has recently purchased a beautiful home there costing some \$15,000 which he will improve and add to for his purposes. Dr. Mott is at present in Orlando and is being cordially greeted and welcomed by many friends.

Dr. Mott, aside from his interest in the Northfield Schools, the summer conferences and his visits here, is a distinguished international figure with a service of fifty years as a ranking official in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

He is an author and world traveler, peace advocate and an intimate of many of the world's noted personages. Particularly active has he been in the student movement in the colleges and universities throughout the world and also in missionary endeavor.

Dr. Mott has led an active life since his graduation from Cornell university in 1888. He was



always identified with the work of Dwight L. Moody.

Aside from his duties as a Y. M. C. A. official, duties which carried him to the general and foreign secretaryship of the world-wide organization, Dr. Mott made repeated trips throughout the world in the interest of the World Mission of Christianity from 1900 to 1935.

He was a member of the Mexican commission appointed by President Wilson in 1916, and a member of the special diplomatic mission to Russia in 1917.

He holds the French Knight of the Legion of Honor award, the United States Distinguished Service Medal, the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Japan. He had at one time declined an appointment as Minister to China.

Girl Scout Rally

The Northfield Girl Scouts are planning a public rally for Friday evening, April 29, in the town hall. This demonstration will be similar to the one held last year, which brought forth much favorable comment from the audience.

The Scouts are busy completing their requirements for various badge awards, and the senior scouts have begun rehearsals on their play, coached by Captain Abbott. Announcement of the cast of this play, and one by the younger group of scouts, will be made later.

The guest speaker is to be Miss Winifred Curtis, former commissioner of the Greenfield area, who spent last summer in the British Isles. She will speak on scouting as she saw it in England and Scotland, and will show her interesting moving pictures of the coronation. The program will conclude with the awarding of badges by Miss Curtis.

The Fortnightly

Prof. Horace H. Morse gave a most interesting review of the European situation in a talk on current events before members of the Fortnightly at their regular meeting in Alexander Hall last Friday afternoon. A chorus of about 20 voices under the direction of Prof. Irving J. Lawrence rendered several selections which were much enjoyed. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 8 at three o'clock in Alexander Hall when the subject of National Defense will be considered. There will be music and Mrs. George Davis will be the hostess.

Gives An "At Home"

Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne, the former pastor of the local Congregational church, will be "at home" to the people of the congregation this Friday in the afternoon from 3 to 5 and in the evening from 8 to 10. It is their sixth anniversary in the service of the local church.

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Real Estate Men Adopt Schedule Of Rent-Sale-Charges

A group of real estate brokers in Greenfield and three towns in the county have adopted a schedule of charges, or rather fees, in the renting or selling of property within Franklin county. This schedule has been subscribed to and posters are exhibited giving the information in print and defining the various charges.

On sales made by brokers, or to whom the property has been consigned for sale, the commission will be four per cent on amounts up to and including \$50,000. The minimum charge on any sale shall be \$100. On farms and country property the commission will be from 8 to 10 per cent with a minimum of \$200. On property in towns other than Greenfield, the commission is to be 5 to 8 per cent with a \$200 minimum.

Rents and leases are treated as follows: Without lease 50 per cent of the first month's rent; with lease, 5 per cent the first year and two per cent thereafter. Other charges are scheduled but they are not pertinent to conditions existing in Northfield.

Local realty men were invited to cooperate with the group in the charges but both Mr. Coe and Mr. Hoech have decided not to enlist nor adopt the charges as the basis of the past conduct of real estate endeavor is perfectly satisfactory to all concerned. Rates which have prevailed in Northfield for many years are on sales, 5 per cent, and on rentals, summer property, 10 per cent of season's rental, permanent resident property, one-half of first month's rent. Many sales made here are also upon a basis of contract between owner and broker.

For Life Saving

The Franklin County Chapter, American Red Cross announces that a Red Cross Life Saving institute will be held at the Holyoke High School swimming pool, Holyoke, the week of April 11 from 7 to 10 every evening. Bert P. Bachman, field representative of the National Red Cross will conduct the course.

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The National Red Cross has established a new rating as Life Saving instructor and with it is presented a new course and new examinations. Every old examiner and every senior candidate in good standing taking this 15-hour course is eligible for the new rating and certificate. The new life saving and water safety textbook will be used.

Senior life savers and Red Cross examiners planning to attend this course are asked to notify the local Red Cross chapter, 15 Bank Row, Greenfield.

Tree Trimming

Along Main street, the state highway, the work of cutting out the dead wood and the trimming of the trees goes along by a crew of men from the State Dept. of Public Highways. It is surprising how much dead and broken branches need to be removed to make the highway safe for motorists and pedestrians. The work also is of advantage to the trees and a decided improvement to the town.

The men who are doing the work are careful and thorough and it is very interesting to watch them. The cost of the work is borne by the state and included in our highway assessment.

Club Women Meet

The meeting of women of the various Woman's clubs of the 14th, 15th, 16th districts of the State Federation to consider legislative matters will be held at the Weldon hotel Tuesday, April 5 at 12:30 noon with luncheon and followed by a business session.

Mrs. William X. Sporberg, chairman of the General Federation legislative committee, and Mrs. Henry W. Hildreth of Winchester, first vice-president of the Mass. State Federation, will be among the speakers. The meeting is in charge of the legislative committee of the Greenfield club.

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PERSONALS

Miss Julianne Alexander is
visiting her parents Mr. and
Mrs. Leon R. Alexander at her
home here. She came all the way
from Battle Creek, Mich., by bus
and greatly enjoyed the journey.
She will remain for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crowe of
Wellesley are visiting Mr. and
Mrs. Goodspeed at their home on
Main street.

A son was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Herbert Mark of Saxtons
River on Wednesday, March 30.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.
Alfred Holton and great-grand-
parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. I.
Holton and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene
Labelle.

Miss Sophie Servaes and Miss
Sybill Severance spent last week
end with friends in Hartford, Ct.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waite had
as their guests over the last week
end their son and family from
Springfield.

Miss Ann Foster of Hartford
Theological seminary is visiting
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
George H. Foster on Highland
avenue. She has as her guest,
Miss Olaf Hanson, a classmate.

Miss Margaret Skilton, a stu-
dent at Green Mountain Junior
college, spent last week-end
with her roommate, Miss Dorothy
Sherburne at North Pom-
fret, Vt. She is now spending a
week with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Merritt C. Skilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Cline of
Saline Valley Farms, Saline,
Mich., announced the birth of a
daughter on March 25. They are
the field workers for Regions 3
and 4 of the Youth Hostel and
attended the fall training course
in Northfield.

Recent callers at "Five Acres
of Sunshine," the home of Prof.
and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage in
Orlando, Fla., were Mr. and Mrs.
Cyril Sargent, Carlton L'Homme-
diu, and Miss Prudy N. Moore,
all members of the faculty of
Mt. Hermon. Also a former Mt.
Hermon boy, A. L. Wilson and
his family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert
S. Stone of Chapman, Kansas,
also were visitors. Mr. Stone was
formerly assistant manager at
the Northfield Hotel under A. G.
Moody and hopes to spend part
of the coming summer in North-
field.

Mrs. M. P. Stanley is returning
from the winter spent in Florida
but will visit with her daughter,
Jean Stanley at Toledo, Ohio, for
a few weeks before reaching
Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Roberts of
Highland avenue, who have been
visiting at Long Beach, Calif., for
some time expect to be back in
their home about the middle of
April.

John Douglas and David Ste-
phen, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs.
E. M. Powell observed their 8th
birthday, March 31.

Mrs. William R. Moody is en-
joying a short stay at Clifton
Springs, N. Y., but expects to re-
turn home soon.

Mrs. Manuel Lopez of the Con-
gregational church choir ren-
dered a solo, "The Holy Hour,"
most acceptably at the church
service last Sunday morning.

Mrs. E. M. Powell accompa-
nied by her daughter, Virginia
and her twin sons, spent a few
days this week visiting Profes-
sor Ralph Blake and family in
Providence. Prof. Blake is con-
nected with Brown university.

Thomas Parker is at the home
of his parents on Main Street for
the spring vacation from Governor
Dummer academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyde are
occupying the home of Mr. and
Mrs. S. E. Walker on Pine street
during the latter's absence in
Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buffum
have rented the Miller cottage
"Adahl" in Mountain Park for
summer occupancy.

Miss Louise Whitman who is
studying at Bay Path Institute is
at the home of her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Warren Whitman for
the spring vacation.

Miss Mira B. Wilson of the
seminary spent the spring vaca-
tion with friends in Virginia.

Mrs. A. P. Pitt has been visit-
ing Prof. and Mrs. Stanton Yester
at Tufts college this week.

Miss Virginia Powell has been
elected treasurer of the Athletic
association of Mt. Holyoke col-
lege.

Mrs. Alfred H. Evans of West
Northfield who recently sold her
property to Mr. and Mrs. Owen
Stacy, is to leave soon for Con-
way, N. H. where she will make
her home with her sister.

A son was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Theodore Miller at the
Farren Memorial hospital on Fri-
day, March 25. They now reside
at South Vernon.

LOCALS

The annual meeting of the
Unitarian Alliance will be held
at the home of Mrs. George N.
Kidder Thursday afternoon,
April 14.

The next meeting of the
Brotherhood of the Congregational
church will be held Tuesday
evening, April 19 when William
G. Avistad, teacher of history
at Deerfield academy will be the
speaker.

Lewis D. and Ethel T. Shine
of Mount Hermon have pur-
chased two tracts of land on War-
wick avenue with house thereon
from Winifred H. Whittaker acc-
ording to a transfer recorded
at the Registry.

Walter M. Cole of New London,
Conn., has transferred land
with buildings on the Plains Rd.
to Lyman W. Griswold of Green-
field and by the latter again
transferred to Walter M. Cole,
Lula A. Drown and Esther A.
Clark of Northfield. The deeds
being filed at the Registry.

Over the last week-end, owing
to the warm days the melting
snow in the north and the
heavy rains, the Connecticut river
was very high with a swift
current. Much ice was passing
down together with considerable
driftwood. 55,000 cubic feet a
second was passing over Turners
Falls and Vernon dams last Fri-
day night at the river's height.

There will be a dance at Union
hall at Northfield Farms this Fri-
day evening conducted by the
Women's Benevolent society.

Mr. Hermon and Seminary
students will return to their
school duties after a pleasant
vacation this weekend. Most of
them spent the period at their
homes.

The junior class of the High
school is now beginning its ef-
fort to raise monies for their
Washington trip as they become
the senior class.

Some gossip has been prevalent
upon our streets during the
past week, much of which is
grossly exaggerated. Better be
careful, friends, what you say
or pass along to your neighbors.

Four hostellers left for the Put-
ney, Vt., Youth Hostel on Wed-
nesday to make the first "half-
boat" trip of the season down
the Connecticut.

James R. Turner of Greenfield
was appointed administrator of
the Thomas Quimby estate Wed-
nesday morning.

Workmen are still engaged in
removing the remainder of the
stone and debris from the ruins
of the fire at the Wright home
on Main street. When finished
the grounds will be graded. It
is said the Doctor will rebuild
further back and to the south of
the old location.

The social committee of the
Christian Endeavor Union of
the Congregational church have
arranged a social for its mem-
bers at the Bronson Inn this
Friday evening.

The New York-Hermon club
will hold their annual meeting
and dinner at Schraff's on Fifth
avenue, New York City, Friday,
April 29. The Boston-Hermon
club will hold their event on
Tuesday, April 12.

With the warmer weather and
the drying up of the ground, in
another week the work of raking
up lawns, picking up the dead
limbs, etc., will start and the
town will begin to put on a
new appearance and condition
to make it attractive to the visi-
tor as well as its own citizens.

The Congregational church
choir held its monthly meeting
at Crane cottage last Tuesday
evening. It was a social gathering
and gifts were presented to the
Misses Dorothy and Mildred
Pearson, members of the choir,
who recently announced their
engagements.

The Sunday school teachers of
the Congregational church met
with Rev. and Mrs. W. A. White
at their home on Brinham road
Monday evening. Miss Hamon of
the Hartford School of Religion
was the guest speaker.

It's moving week with some
families in town. Ernest Kenney
moves into the brick house of
the town on Main street. Julian
Bugbee moves into the Darby
house at West Northfield, and
Dan Richardson leaves the
Quinlan house to move into the
Miner house on East street.

Three men, Bertram O. Moody,
his son Gordon, and Francis Hart
were honored by the Hadley
Men's club for heroism during
the 1936 flood at a meeting and
dinner last week. The Editor
wonders if at least two young
men should not be honored here

in Northfield by some organiza-
tion for their daring service of
rescue during the same flood.
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well deserving of recognition.

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to the Cross" as the sermon
subject. The choir will sing
"Come, Great Spirit" and "I
Thought on the Lamb of God".
Sunday school at the Farms at
2:30, followed by worship ser-
vice; 7:00, meeting of the Senior
Endeavor; 8:00, preaching
service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 3, Bible class with
Mrs. Cotton; leader, Mrs. Giebel.
Wednesday at 3, Women's Mis-
sionary society meets with Mrs.
A. P. Pitt. Subject, "The Plan of
the Structure in the Vision of the
New Day." Leaders, Mrs. Fay
Smith and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle.

Thursday, all-day meeting of
the Women's Sewing society.
Lunch at noon. At 7:30, prayer
service followed by choir re-
hearsal.

South Church

Rev. Mary Andrews Connor

Sunday, 9:45, church school.
This is birthday box day. 10:45.
The Lenten meditation of "Gain-
ing a Radiant Faith" brings us
to the thought "Man's Needs Met
by God's Abundance."

Lawrence Durgin who is at-
tending Dartmouth college is
spending the spring vacation
with his grandparents here, Mr.
and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle.

Mrs. Thomas Parker of Main
street who has been in the hos-
pital for some time returned to
her home last week somewhat
improved in health.

The social committee is put-
ting on a public supper at the
Congregational church next
Tuesday evening at a price
which all can afford.

Physical directors of the Y.
M. C. A. of New England will
hold their annual conference at
the Northfield hotel May 17, 18.

The meeting of Boys' Work
secretaries of the Y. M. C. A.
which is to be held at the North-
field hotel April 7 has been post-
poned.

Mrs. William Holbrook of
Keene, N. H., was the speaker
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ing and also the church service
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Business Man Writes To His Congressman His Conclusions

From Lawrence, Mass., comes a copy of a letter written to Congressman Connelly, giving the conclusions and viewpoint of a small business man in his district relative to the business situation as it exists and affects him. It is a letter containing many facts, with which we are familiar and agree, and to which many of us can subscribe. The letter in part is as follows:

"The writer, who is one of your constituents, is very much disturbed by the present depressed conditions. The voters of our district are strongly of the opinion that the present cause of the depression is the attitude of the President, and also of the Congress. The President, vested with extra-constitutional powers to cope with conditions in 1933, still retains and exercises same although the emergency is long past. He has asked and received from Congress fabulous amounts of money which he has spent as he pleased. He has not succeeded in fulfilling his promises of remedying the great menace of unemployment, nor have living conditions of the great majority of our people been benefited.

During these years, the Congress has co-operated with him very heartily, and neither the President nor the people can blame the Congress for the failure of the New Deal. Congress has done all it could for the President, and he has failed. Congress should now undertake the job. The voters have lost confidence in the President, but we do have great confidence in the Congress, every member of which holds his office because the majority of the voters in his State or Congressional district preferred him above all others. This being the case, we look to you and your colleagues to put the nation on its feet.

If the Congress will divest the President of the extra-constitutional powers which he now possesses, and advise him to confine his attention to the discharge of the duties incumbent on the President of the United States, and further if the Congress will decline to rush through any more "must" legislation, I believe that foundation will have been laid upon which may stand and function in an orderly manner the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial Departments of our Government. Let the members of Congress formulate such legislation as their constituents desire, regardless of the demands of lobbyists or special privilege groups, and I believe that business will improve that all legislators who so proceed will easily secure reelection this Fall. Members of the legislature who seek to ride into office on the strength of further loyalty to the New Deal, will stand a poor chance of reelection." — G. W. D.

TO ONE WHO COURTS DEATH

THEY SAY

The author of the following squib enclosed an editorial halting spring and speeding it on with loud cheers, and took us to task for our attitude toward the hesitant "gal."

"Look what ancient and crabbed 'Editor and Publisher' printed as an editorial Saturday. Couldn't a sweet young thing like Jane stop being a sourpuss for a few picas now and then?" So we write the following jingle pushing the seasons along, plumb thru spring, even omitting the little lambs, and rushing into summer—all for his benefit.

AFTER SUNDOWN
from the murky shadows,
Near the hollyhocks,
Fairies, dancing lightly
Thru the fragrant phlox,
Steal across my garden
By the mignonette
Brushing with light fingers
A sleeping violet,
Gather in the iris,
By the garden pool
Where the stars are wrinkled
In the waters cool,
To chant a dainty lullaby
To the lillies there
While a little west wind
Carries on the air;
Sing of other gardens,
Vanished long ago,
That within their memory
Still in beauty grow;
Sing of long dead gardens,
On my garden lawn,
Then steal away in silence
As thrushes wake the dawn.
— "Sour Puss"

From another "UNKNOWN" drifts in the following—begins to look mighty serious for us—very, very cheerful for a bright spring day—oh well, freedom, liberty, and justice are obsolete words—evident the UNKNOWN don't even subscribe to the "Good Neighbor Policy" that Mexico is now beginning to understand.

TO ONE WHO COURTS DEATH

(In his own way)

We may be Jane—
Tho likely not—
But John as John
Would sure be shot;
And if he were
Who'd shed a tear
Beside his humble funeral bier?
So why die young
To fame unsung
When years hold hope
He may be hung?

We have heard the word "axis" (read it, too) so often that we looked it up—now we don't quite get it; probably we are just stupid. But the first definition seems a bit involved and devious—we prefer the other we found. "Axis: the hog-deer of India." But why is it now so far from India?

Follows a small clipping from the American Mercury—like it?

CALIFORNIA

Classic note on the economic status of the underprivileged as reported from the village of Richmond by the Associated Press:

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Jones, WPA workers, both own automobiles. She told Judge Leo Marcollo that while he was riding in his car Sunday night and she in hers, their autos crashed. She had Jones arrested for drunken driving.

We were recently severely criticised because we said we were NOT impressed by the recent speech of our Secretary of State, before the Press club, in which he was supposed to outline OUR FOREIGN POLICY; if it was clear to anyone why we would "not police the world" but still would uphold our rights in China, etc. We would like to hear about it. We were told that we missed the force of the secretary's personality as it would not be evident over the radio. Please page Gracie Allen, Charlie McCarthy, etc. — JANE

Miss Harlene Carne is spending the spring vacation from Wilson college at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne. Miss Margaret Carne is spending a vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Renwick at Kent Hill, Maine.

The marriage of Mrs. Sadie J. Ownes, formerly of So. Vernon and Wesley L. Frink of Ashuelot is announced and took place in Winchester, N. H. on March 14 with Rev. G. T. Carl officiating.

CHRIST FOR ALL—ALL FOR CHRIST

They write a stamp under my feet, a light under my feet.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Perfecting the Church: Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

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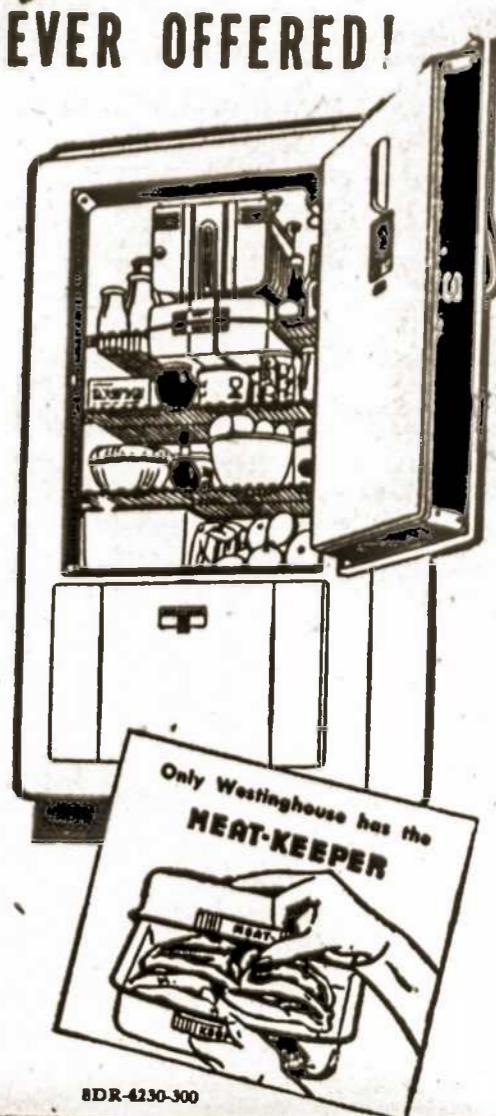
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The story deals with a circuit-riding preacher, his wife, and their son, who grows up to be a famous surgeon, forgets his family ties, and whose feet are finally turned on the right path by Abraham Lincoln.

Much of the picture was made on location in a village built at Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

Another good picture will be Shirley Temple in *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* at the Auditorium for five days, beginning Sunday. The first star of the screen is supported by her starriest cast, sunniest songs, swingiest dances and a hay-heay load of laughter in this new musical comedy hit. To the roster of romancing stars, dancing stars, comedy stars and singing stars are added six sunny new song hits.

Both of these pictures will draw crowded houses.

First Spring Robin

There is something about the sound of a robin—The first robin of spring—That is like the spring air; The song is crisp and clean, Not sweet like the summer, Not exotic like air That is heavy with fragrance: But a homely comforting song.

There is something about the song

Of the first spring robin;

It is clear and cool

Like the spring.

Lucile J. Gilbert

In Christian Science Monitor

Some Tax Rates

The towns of Franklin county will now one by one announce their tax rates and every citizen in the towns will receive the news with much interest. The first towns to announce are Colrain whose rate will be \$40.60 and is 40 cents less than last year, also Conway with a \$30 rate which is \$2 less than last year.

Dumb: What happened to the mother who used to put a candle in the window to guide her wandering son?

Bell: Now she turns on the floodlights at the landing field.

The Morgan Memorial is doing a splendid work in its industrial department and has met with fine cooperation upon the part of the public in the use of the "goodwill bags" in which unwanted articles are placed and collected at intervals. In 1937 the institution paid out in wages to worthy workers includ-

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to the successful contestants in the safety traffic essays of the National Safety Council.

He: Street car lines are being abandoned all over the country.

She: Well, I think it would show a nice sense of responsibility if the people waiting on corners were notified.

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EDITORIAL

Many persons have been led to believe that the Federal government trimmed expenditures during the past year. Such is decidedly not the case. Expenditures have risen steadily for the past nine years. Of late, revenues leaped to record levels, managed to narrow the deficit margin and thus create a financial illusion that is dangerously misleading; for normally, smaller deficits would indicate actual economy.

Take for instance the regular operating expenditures which include legislative, judicial and civil establishments. They rose from \$637,000,000 in 1933 to \$814,000,000 in 1937. Likewise consider for a moment Public Works, which includes such items as public highways, reclamation, flood control, public buildings, etc. This rose without halt from \$458,000,000 in 1933 to over \$1,000,000,000 in 1937.

And there is a popular belief that relief spending was recently rigidly curtailed. Yet official financial statements show that from 1933 to 1937, expenditures for unemployment relief, which include direct relief, work relief and the C. C. C. also rose without halt from \$359,000,000 to \$2,466,000,000.

If you do not believe these figures, take a look at the total estimated Federal debt for the end of fiscal 1939—\$38,328,000,000. Compare this to the total debt in 1931—\$16,801,000,000. It takes no mathematical genius to see where the country is headed. And at the rate we are going it won't take long to get there!

Grandmothers are not to be idealized any more as weak and feeble, relegated to the easy chair and the chimney corner and kept busy with the knitting needle. Whistler's painting of his mother will need a revision.

In Chicago they have organized a Grandmothers' club of busy, active, hustling grandmothers, engaged in business and professional careers. They have a large membership and among other things they mean to prove "that grandma's place is not in the chimney corner," that "gray hairs do not prevent good sense in business conduct nor prevent success." Other clubs are starting in three other states. Well here's to the grandmothers, may their happiness be complete in any venture.

As we approach the end of winter, the hard fact that the business situation is, growing worse rather than better becomes constantly more apparent. There will doubtless be some spring betterment, due to the traditional seasonal factor, but in all probability it will be less than was expected even two or three months ago. The summer period, judging by current indicators, will be dull. And whether or not there will be a resumption of a recovery movement next fall and winter is purely a matter of guess-work.

The Back Yard Gardener

Folks, I don't know how you feel about it, but I wake up these glorious spring mornings feeling like a million. I even feel like writing, I mean trying to write poetry. Say something like this: My garden flowers bloom with hues of red, orange, crimson, blue, and white. They fill each hour with delight. Yea, they bloom from morn till night.

Now you see that was a pretty poor attempt, but what I was driving at is that if you really enjoy gardening you should try to have flowers all hours of the day.

I was telling you last week that we had a new home. Well, I am making plans to enjoy my flowers in the early morning when the birds are singing and Mum is getting breakfast. Then while I'm in the office she can enjoy others. Then in the afternoon and evening we can have still others.

It so happens that this new place of mine has a good sized garage and a little garden shed. Even though they are nicely painted, I think I will cover them with some of the newer types of morning glories. You know that is one flower that certainly has changed its person-



ability in the past few years. Of course the Heavenly Blue is one of the best. You also want to remember that it's pretty essential to cut or file the seeds before you plant them. Also to soak them a day before planting. Two other types that are mighty nice are Rose Marie and Cardinal Climber.

Now if you want this type of plant for evening as well as for morning, try the Moon flowers. They are open in the early morning but close up in the sun. Of course in cloudy days they will remain open longer, but on an ordinary sunny day they pop open again in the late afternoon. A rather interesting flower that blooms late in the afternoon is the so-called Vesper iris.

For the noon-day period I'm going to try some of these Chinese Balloon flowers, also such old standbys as marigold and portulaca, because they certainly make your garden look like a rainbow in the middle of the day, especially when you have blue sky and fleecy clouds overhead.

I might say in reference to the balloon flower that you had better keep the blooms picked off if you wish to lengthen the blooming period. Then of course plant oriental poppies, zinnias, Canterbury bells, snapdragons, and columbines for the midday garden. Or if you have a garden pool, the hardy water lilies will give you plenty of bloom during that period.

And then at night when the whole family has a chance to really enjoy the garden, in addition to your moon flowers try some of the whiter shades of iris since they show up in the dusk. Tropical water lilies of course might be included. The white oriental poppies, Madonna lilies, white cosmos, white sweet-williams, and some of the new white delphiniums are on my list, and of course white chinaster.

There are lots of others that you could name which prefer the morning, the noon day, or night, but I think that list will give you some idea of what can be done to keep your garden blooming so that whatever time of day your friends drop around you'll have something to show them.

There is only one precaution on this night-blooming garden. Don't make it so good that your friends forget to go home.

Know Massachusetts
Compiled by
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Do you know that . . . Massachusetts has 857,000 male industrial laborers and other craftsmen . . . of which 81,000 are skilled workers and foremen, 346,000 are semi-skilled and 230,000 unskilled . . . Records show that Massachusetts is one of the most healthful states in the Union . . . Stage coaches of early days had no springs . . . There are more public libraries in this state than any other except New York . . . The miles of street railway track in the state in 1912 was 2951 but by 1932 had dropped to 1305 miles . . . Massachusetts farmers spend approximately 1 million dollars a year for electric light and power . . . The Roxbury Latin School was founded in 1645 by John Eliot, apostle to the Indians, and by 60 families of Roxbury . . . The Arnold Arboretum is the largest museum of living foreign trees and shrubs in the country . . . It is owned by Harvard University.

The Forest Hills cemetery is the largest in New England and is known as one of the most beautiful in the United States . . . Massachusetts produces more than 3,000,000 bushels of apples in a good year . . . The Department of Conservation is preparing a directory of all sawmills

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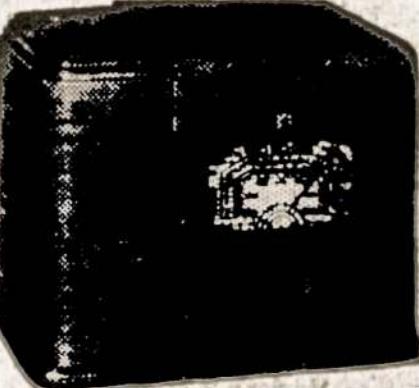
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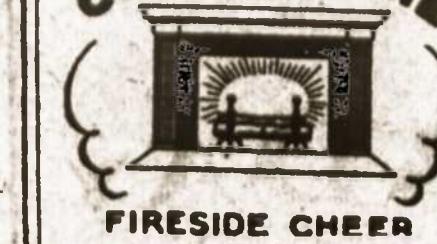
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